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RESPONSE

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on January 19, 2007. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1, 3-9, 15-21 and 32-37 for the reasons set forth below and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Independent claims 1 and 32 are the only independent claims pending in the present application. Each of these claims recites a surgical driver including an attachment piece having a mounting structure for engaging an implant. A shaft is